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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: THOMAS L. RITZDORF *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/902,491

FILED: 07/09/2001

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES USING METROLOGY**

EXAMINER: ZANDRA V. SMITH

ART UNIT: 2877

CONF. No: 7344

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 8.